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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Du Plessis

Appln. No.: 10/756,906

Filed: January 14, 2004

For: RECOVERY OF BIOLEACHING  
MICROBES

Attorney Docket No: 10908/8

Examiner: Wyszomierski

Art Unit: 1742

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

## Attached are:

- ☒ Response to Final Office Action.  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

## Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Small Entity.  
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).  
☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_).  
☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total	15	Minus	20	0	x \$25=			x \$50=	
Indep.	1	Minus	3	0	x 100=			x \$200=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

## Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.  
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.  
☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).  
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

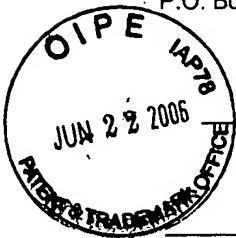
Respectfully submitted,

  
G. Peter Nichols (Reg. No. 34,401)

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed May 1, 2006. In view of the following remarks, please reconsider the subject application.